(d) The time frame will depend on the decision of the Hon'ble Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction/High Court.

Recommendations of Mashelkar Committee

1972. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mashelkar Committee on spurious drugs has recommended to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and rules to include a range of herbal and cosmetic formations in its purview; and

(b) if so, the details and the steps initiated by Government to amend the law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Herbal drugs and cosmetic formulations are already being regulated under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. However, the Mashelkar Committee had suggested certain improvements in the regulatory procedures and classifications etc. These recommendations are under action consideration of the Department of AYUSH.

Import of cheap drugs from China

1973. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of cheap drugs from China has hit the drug manufacturers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to protect the interest of bulk drug manufacturers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE), (a) to (c) The Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association (India) and Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council (PHARMEXCIL) have informed that especially because of low value imports of drugs from China, Indian manufacturers of drugs like